MR. CHAIRMAN: The matter ends. Shri Narayanasamy.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the hon. Minister is telling us that the performance of Air India has not deteriorated. Sir, Mr. Rajan Jaitley, the Managing Director of Air India, has written to the employees of Air India stating that "to restore the image of Air India" which on his own admission has declined of late... He has said that Air India has enjoyed a lot of glory earlier but, unfortunately, in the last few years, it has been gradually deteriorating and the standard is going down. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the version of the Minister is correct or the version of the Managing Director is correct. And the Minister has given certain proposals for improving the efficiency in his reply. When have those proposals been implemented?

SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: Sir, the Managing Director, as you know, has contradicted that report. Just now, in my reply to Mr. Upendra, I have said. He has given an interview. After that he has contradicted that item.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir...

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has given his answer.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: I am quoting. Has he written to the employees of Air India to improve the efficiency and performance?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is always there.

SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: Sir, my submission is this. A Managing Director, whether he is in Air India or elsewhere, has a duty to write to his employees to improve the efficiency and to improve the working. I think it is not wrong. If he has written so, what is wrong in it?

ठाकुर जगतपाल सिंह : एफिसियेंसी बढ़ाने के लिये कोई भी कह सकता है।

श्री सभापति : बेटर एफिसियेंसी के लिये कहा जाता है।

*402. [*The questioner (Shri Basudeb Mohapatra) was absent. For answer, vide col.* 29 infra].

*403. [*The questioners (Shri Mukhtiar Singh Malik and Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury) were absent. For answer, vide col.* 30 infra].

Visit of Indian Tennis team to Israel

*404. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Tennis team has been given permission to visit Israel to play Davis Cup matches there; and

(b) whether any other sports or cultural team/artistes from India visited Israel in the recent past and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

SHRI M. A. BABY: Mr. Chirman, the reply may appear to be very satisfying but unfortuantely with the kind of experience we have with the behaviour of our Government I do not think that this reply can be taken on its face value. For example, last year Israeli tennis team visited our country and played the quarter finals in the Davis Cup...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is specific and the answer is specific.

SHRI M. A. BABY: In relation to that I want to ask the honourable Minister, through you, whether the Government will give me a categorical reply that Indian tennis team will not be permitted to visit Israel. Here it is said that permission is not yet granted...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your question was specific and the answer was specific. Now you want to know about future.

SHRI M. A. BABY: In the case of 1979 Davis Cup team...

MR. CHAIRMAN: What more do you want?

SHRI M. A. BABY: I am having a solid ground for asking my question...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You cannot ask the Government what it will do tomorrow. At present the answer is very clear. It is 'No'.

SHRI M. A. BABY: Can the honourable Minister give me an assurance that Indian Davis Cup team will not visit Israel during April?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): During April, 'Yes'.

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: This assurance I can give.

SHRI M. A. BABY: Because, sports has been used as an instrument to promote international diplomacy. We have heard of pingpong diplomacy and things like that. In this background and in the specific context of our relationship with Israel on 17th of this month I was given a written reply that an Israeli consulate is working in Bombay since 1951...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Put it to the External Affairs Minister.

SHRI M. A. BABY: I am very clear in my question. I have already prefaced my statement by saying that sports has been used as an instrument to promote diplomacy...

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: We are very sorry you are disappointed with the answer, I know.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What he is saying is diplomatic relations are questions that should be addressed to the External Affairs Minister, not Minister of Human Resources. You can put another question and the Minister of External Affairs will answer it. I have no objection to it.

SHRI M. A. BABY: My query is: Will the Human Resource Ministry...

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: I come only to play, not for diplomacy. Diplomacy is some other Ministry's charge. I used to be in charge of that Ministry earlier, not now. I gave a categorical answer because your question was categorical. Pointedly you asked about this April match. We said we are not.

SHRI M. A BABY: My query is: Will you give me an assurance that the Human Resource Ministry of India will not be used as an instrument to promote diplomatic relations with Israel?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That question concerns the Ministry of External Affairs.

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: I do not know what he means by that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You can put another question.

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: The question should have been transferred to the External Affairs Ministry. It has not been transferred. It should have been transferred.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is all right. Now, Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta. I think he is not asking any question. Are you asking any question, Mr. Gupta?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: No, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Yes, Mr. Pramod Mahajan.

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : सभापति जी, गत वर्ष इस्राइल के खिलाड़ी भारत में खेलने के लिए आए। यह अपने आप में एक स्वागत-योग्य कदम है। खेल में राजनीति लाने का यह प्रयास सरासर गलत है। इसलिए मैं मन्त्री महोदय से पूछना चाहता हूं तीन बार जिस पाकिस्तान ने हम पर हमला किया हम उससे खेल सकते हैं, जिस चीन ने भारत की ज़मीन हड़प ली हम उससे खेल सकते हैं तो इस्राइल में भारत की टैनिस की टीम अप्रैल में भेजने में क्या आपत्ति है। गत वर्ष की नीति

ठीक थी या इस वर्ष की नीति ठीक है इस नीति में परिवर्तन क्यों आया है क्या इस पर पुनर्विचार करके यह टीम भेजेंगे ?

श्री सभापति : इस पर पुनर्विचार करेंगे क्या ?

श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव : अप्रैल पर नहीं साहब ।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी :सभापति जी बात नीति की है, अप्रैल या मई की नहीं है । इस्राइल की टीम जब हिन्दुस्तान में आई तब हमने खेलने दिया । इसका मतलब यह है कि कोई नीति बनी है । अब वह नीति अप्रैल में अमल में नहीं आएगी क्या मन्त्री महोदय यह कहना चाहते हैं ?

श्री सभापति : आप तो विदेश मंत्री रह चुके हैं । (**व्यवधान**)

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : वह मुझे याद मत दिलाइये । (**व्यवधान**) मैं इतनी पुरानी बातें याद नहीं रखता । (**व्यवधान**)

श्री रऊफ वलीउल्लाह: मोशदयान को इन्होंने बुलाया था (**व्यवधान**)

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Sir, when he was the Foreign Minister, he met the Prime Minister of Israel... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : सभापति जी, मेरे खिलाफ स्पेसेफिक चार्ज लगाया गया है । (**व्यवधान**)

श्री सभापति: आप समझ गये सब । (**व्यवधान**)

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : हम तो समझ गये मगर उधर वाले नहीं समझे ।

श्री सभापति : नेक्स्ट क्वेश्चन :

*405. [*The questioner (Shri Rasheed Masood) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 30-31 infra].

मानिकपुर में एक डीजल लोको शेड का स्थापित किया जाना

*406. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मानिकपुर जंक्शन में एक डीजल लोको शेड स्थापित किये जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री महावीर प्रसाद) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

श्री अश्विनी कुमार : सभापति महोदय, मन्त्री महोदय ने कहा है कि मानिकपुर जंक्शन में डीजल लोको शैड बनाने का उनका कोई निर्णय नहीं है । मैं उनके सामने दो विचार रखना चाहता हूं । मानिकपुर में स्टीम लोकोमोटिव शैड था जो समाप्त कर दिया गया है । उसका सारा इन-फ्रास्टक्चर स्टाफ क्वार्टर्ज, रेल लाइन वगैरह सब वहां पर है । दूसरा झांसी के लिए इलैक्ट्रीफिकेशन होने के बाद जहां तक मेरी जानकारी है झांसी में भी डीजल लोको शैड समाप्त किया जा रहा है । इन दोनों को समाप्त होने के बाद मेरा यह पूछना था कि जब मानिकपुर में इनफ्रास्ट्रक्चर सारा स्थित है तो उस क्षेत्र के डवलपमेंट की स्थिति से वहां पर लोकोशैड के प्रावधान के बारे में रेलवे मंत्री विचार करेंगे क्या ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : अभी डीजल लोको शैड जहां झांसी, इटारसी और कटनी में स्थित है यह हमारी आवश्यकताओं के लिए पर्याप्त है । इसलिए मानिकपुर में या अन्य किसी दूसरी जगह आसपास के क्षेत्र में डीजल लोको शैड की कोई सम्भावना नही है और न प्रस्ताव है ।